

**CLAIMS**

What is claimed is:

1. A food tray comprising:

a generally rectangular sheet of flexible material having two side

5 edges, and a first end edge and a second end edge therebetween;

a concave area in said sheet between the two side edges nearer said first end edge, and a generally flat area in said sheet nearer said second end edge.

2. The food tray of claim 1 further comprising:

10 a container hole in said generally flat area sized to receive a tapered container having a top and bottom wherein said hole engages and holds the container at a location on the container between its top and bottom whereby a portion of the container is disposed below said generally flat area.

3. The food tray of claim 2 further comprising:

15 a recess in the first end edge approximately midway between the side edges.

4. The food tray of claim 2 further comprising:

an opening in said sheet for receiving and holding a utensil.

5. The food tray of claim 2 further comprising:

20 a second container hole in said generally flat area sized to receive and hold a second, smaller container.

6. The food tray of claim 2 further comprising:

a transverse bow and a longitudinal bow in said sheet, creating said concave area.

25 7. The food tray of claim 6 further comprising:

a split in said sheet material at the approximate midpoint of said first end edge;

wherein said longitudinal and transverse bows are created by overlapping sheet material on either side of said split.

30 8. The food tray of claim 7 further comprising:

means holding said sheet material in an overlapping position.

9. The food tray of claim 7 further comprising:

a slit in said sheet adjacent one side of said split; and

a hook on the other side of said split whereby when said hook is

inserted into and held by said slit, sheet material on either side of said split overlap and said longitudinal and transverse bows are created.

10. The food tray of claim 9 wherein said hook is an integral part of said sheet material.

5 11. The food tray of claim 7 further comprising:

a gusset extending longitudinally from said split toward said second end whereby sheet material on either side of said gusset comes closer together when sheet material on either side of said split is overlapped.

12. The food tray of claim 8 wherein said means is a fastener having components on either side of said split.

10 13. The food tray of claim 12 wherein said fastener is at least one hook and one loop.

14. The food tray of claim 12 wherein said fastener is a snap.

15. The food tray of claim 2 further comprising:

15 a channel in said material leading from said hole to one side edge by which the stem of a wine glass can be inserted into said hole.

16. The food tray of claim 2 further comprising:

an arcuate score line adjacent the second end edge about which the second end edge can be folded.

20 17. The food tray of claim 16 wherein said score line is between the second end edge and said hole.

18. The food tray of claim 2 wherein said sheet material is plastic.

19. The food tray of claim 2 wherein said sheet material is paper.

20 25 20. The food tray of claim 2 wherein said sheet material is a combination of paper and plastic.

21. A generally rectangular blank of flexible sheet material having side edges and first and second end edges, cut and scored to provide a food plate comprising;

30 a split in the sheet material at the first end edge at its approximate midpoint extending longitudinally toward the second end edge; and

a hole in the material for receiving a container at a location remote from said split and nearer the second end edge than the first end edge.

22. The blank of claim 21 further comprising:

an arcuate score line between said hole and the second end edge.

23. The blank of claim 22 further comprising:  
a pair of gusset-forming score lines extending from said split longitudinally away from the first edge and meeting at a point.
24. The blank of claim 22 further comprising:  
5 a channel cut between said hole and a side edge by which the stem of a wine glass can pass into said hole.
25. The blank of claim 22 further comprising:  
a hole in close proximity to said score line for receiving and holding an eating utensil.

10 26. The blank of claim 22 further comprising:  
a first slot cut in the material at said arcuate score line, wherein said slot is large enough to pass the handle of an eating utensil; and  
a second slot aligned with said first slot and spaced therefrom on the side of said arcuate score line remote from the second end edge.

15 27. The blank of claim 21 further comprising:  
a hook formed in the material at one side of said split; and  
a slit in the material on the other side of said split for receiving said hook.

28. The blank of claim 27 further comprising:

20 a pair of score lines extending from said split to a point forming a triangular gusset.

29. A food tray comprising:  
a generally rectangular sheet of flexible material having two side edges, and a first end edge and a second end edge there between;

25 a split in said sheet material at said first end edge whereby when sheet material on either side of said split is overlapped, a concave area is created in said sheet of flexible material.

30. The food tray of claim 29 further comprising:  
means for holding material on either side of said split in an overlapping position.

31. The food tray of claim 29 further comprising:  
a hook formed in said flexible material on one side of said split; and  
a slit for receiving and holding said hook in said flexible material on the other side of said slit.

- 32: The food tray of claim 29 further comprising:  
a recess in the first end edge formed when material on either side of  
said split is overlapped.
33. The food tray of claim 29 further comprising:  
5 a gusset extending from said split toward the second end edge.
34. The food tray of claim 33 wherein said gusset is further described as  
extending into said concave area.